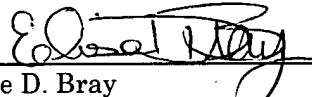




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Applicant : Yoshikazu Umezu, et al.
Application No. : 09/308,607
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Title : METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF CERAMICS
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Docket No. : 34650/DBP/A400

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	10 ⁺	* 20	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	-0-
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$140.00	\$280.00	-0-
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$0.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					-0-
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1 and 5						
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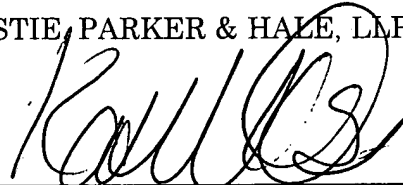
- ___ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
☒ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
___ Other enclosures:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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